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on the subject of the Toscanelli letters and defends his position with ingenuity worthy of a better cause.

It is his misfortune to advocate a theory which must always remain, so to speak, in the clouds and beyond the reach of proof.

In his *Bibliography* in the first pamphlet he enumerates thirty papers and publications (exclusive of ninety-two minor notices) called forth in various countries in the past two years by the communications made by himself and M. de la Rosa to the Congress of Americanists in 1900, and by Mr. Vignaud's book on *Toscanelli and Columbus*. Most of these publications are favourable to the theory of the Columbus forgeries—a natural result in the case of every attempt to belittle a famous name. The spirit of the man who voted for the banishment of Aristides works in nine men out of ten; but the tenth man is not always silent, and for this reason Mr. Vignaud finds himself engaged in a controversy which he sustains with vigour, if not always with good taste. He says, for instance, on the second page of his *Bibliography*, that he made a *scorching reply* to a criticism by Signor Uzielli, who, it may be hoped, was provided with a pair of tongs. Again, Dr. Sophus Ruge is told on page 26 of *La Route des Indes* that he has but a slight acquaintance with the principles of historical criticism, and that by his intellectual culture, by the direction of his studies, and by the cast of his mind, he is incapacitated for appreciating the Portuguese and Spanish atmosphere, in which one must feel perfectly at home if he is to write anything that shall not be mere repetition about Columbus.

We cannot all do all things, and Mr. Vignaud seems to expect too much of those who are less happily endowed than himself.

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Prof. E. L. Stevenson, of Rutgers College, will address the Society on Martin Waldseemüller and the early Lusitano-Germanic Cartography of the New World.

On the 15th of December Dr. Frederick A. Cook will describe his experiences in the Exploration and Attempted Ascent of Mount McKinley, in Alaska.

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